

Know the Signs of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation

Physical

- Frequent unexplained injuries
- Burns or bruises that suggest cigarettes or instruments
- Bruises on inner arm, thigh, or other soft parts of the body
- Passive, withdrawn, or emotionless behavior
- Not reacting to pain

Sexual

- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Injury in the genital area (irritation, scarring or urinary tract infections)
- Difficulty sitting or walking
- Fear of being alone with caregivers
- Extremely upset when bathed, changed or examined
- Complaints of sexual contact

Neglect or Self-Neglect

- Malnutrition
- Dehydration
- Lack of personal hygiene
- Habitually dressed in torn or dirty clothes
- Chronic fatigue or listlessness
- Obvious unmet need for medical or dental care
- Hoarding
- Unsafe living conditions

Financial Exploitation

- Inability to account for funds
- Utilities turned off for non-payment, bills unpaid
- Asking for money
- Essential purchases like food or medicine aren't made
- Discrepancies in personal bookkeeping
- Caregiver is financially dependent on the adult and shows resentment
- Living at a level significantly less than resources should provide